

9 FAM Appendix C, VENEZUELA

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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

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None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-383; 04-02-2002)

A police clearance letter, called a "Declaration Of No Objection," (the local equivalent of a No Felony Convictions Letter), can be requested by obtaining proof of local residency at the Civil Registrar's Office (CRO). This document, together with a filled-out preprinted form stating reason for the request, must be submitted at the Office of the Chief of Police at the De Ruyterkade, Willemstad, Curacao. Processing takes two weeks. Fees: NAF .500 (2.80 USD) for proof of local residency and NAF .100 (.56 USD) for the "No Felony Convictions" letter. Only those who have a residency or work permit are registered with the CRO. The Police Department's Immigration Division has records of all persons arriving through official ports of entry. If the applicant is not registered with the CRO, however, requests cannot be processed.

Statement of "Good Conduct."

A "Certificate of Good Conduct" can be obtained by any individual who requests such a document from his local "Jefatura Civil" (the equivalent of a local ward or councilman, appointed by the mayor, who presides over certain city services and records). Embassy sources confirm that this document has gained more reliability in the past year because the Jefatura now checks names and backgrounds through the police department. Prior to 2002, it was believed that this record of good conduct could be obtained by anyone without any corroboration from any police files. The certificate can be obtained within 1-15 days for 3,960 bolivares (approximately USD5).

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-366; 03-08-2002)

Prison and court records requested by judges or attorneys are obtained from the Ministry of Justice. Specific individuals cannot request these records.

Penal Certificates

(TL:VISA-366; 03-08-2002)

Unavailable to individuals, although state institutions may request for official purposes for no charge.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-217; 11-01-2000)

Unavailable.

Birth Certificate

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Available. A Certificado de Nacimiento serves as evidence of date and place of birth. It is written on legal paper (papel sellado), signed by the issuing official and sealed with the official seal, and bears canceled fee stamps of proper denomination. The certificate is issued by the civil authority in charge of such birth records. In the absence of records, a declaration is made on legal paper by the same official, usually the Jefe Civil (chief civil authority), and also in the City of Caracas, by the Juez de Parroquia (parish judge). There may be a fee for this service.

Marriage Certificate

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Available. When required, a marriage certificate (Certificado de Matrimonio) may be procured from the chief civil authority (Jefe Civil) of a district, or Juez de Parroquia (parish judge), or Junta Comunal (communal council). In order to be legal in Venezuela, marriages must be performed before the civil authority, although there is no objection to the performance of a religious ceremony in addition to the civil marriage.

Divorce Decree

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Available. A copy of the decree of divorce may be obtained from the civil tribunal of the Court of First Instance where the divorce was obtained. It is important that the document reflects "divorcio" (divorce) and not "separacion de cuerpos" (separation decree). Divorce suits originate in Courts of First Instance in Civil Cases (Juzgado de la Primera Instancia en lo Civil), and the decree is confirmed by the superior courts. There may be a fee for this service.

NOTE: Persons residing outside the country should apply for the birth, marriage and divorce certificates through the nearest Venezuelan Consulate or arrange for relatives living in Venezuela to obtain the documents for them.

VISA ISSUING POST

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Caracas (E) All Categories

Address:

APO AA 34037-3140

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

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All of Venezuela, Netherlands Antilles, Aruba and Bonaire.